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## To the LDWF Family

To our incredible team around the state at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I offer a profound “Thank you” for the work that you do every day to protect our Sportsman’s Paradise for our hunters, fishermen and lovers of the wild.

Your dedication to protecting not only the tiniest to the largest species but also the citizens of our state is truly a blessing for the people of Louisiana.

On this date a year ago, a horrible historical marker was about to be set, as torrential rains and a challenged drainage system created one of the largest natural disasters in the life of our state.





Late on the morning of Aug. 12, 2016, LDWF enforcement agents and others left their families and loved ones to begin helping dozens and eventually more than 3,100 victims of the “Flood of 2016.”

Just like earlier last year, when our agents helped people hit by flooding in north Louisiana, it was LDWF agents that used boats, trucks, skill and courage to lift so many of our south Louisiana friends and neighbors to higher ground and safety.

Their effort was mirrored by Wildlife biologists and technicians who manned airboats to assist in the rescue of people and pets.

And, there were LDWF employees who came to work while their houses were damaged or while they were helping family and friends with their houses. That’s special.

This is the perfect day to tell you how much we appreciated your work and sacrifice.  
And this is the perfect day to tell you that no one could have done a better job.

“Thank you” seems so small when matched against your effort and your risks. And,  
“Thank you” seems too small when some of you went out to save others when you knew your homes had been and would be taking on water.

Representing our great team at LDWF, the people of Louisiana and Gov. John Bel Edwards, I say “Thank you and God bless you.”

Jack Montoucet  
Secretary  
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Please watch our video marking the event: <https://youtu.be/ypV-Lj2y0v0>

